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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION  
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Dear Sir:

In the Office Action of mailed 8/7/03, claims 1-18 are pending. Of the pending claims, claims 1-12 are allowed, and claims 13-18 are rejected. Applicants thank the Examiner for his allowance of claims 1-12. Applicants respectfully request the following amendments be entered to place the rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal should that be necessary: